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Dr. Walcott then formally presented the medal to Dr. Power, who expressed his appreciation of the honor bestowed upon him and his gratitude to Mr. Wellcome, saying:

I can assure you that this memento will always be regarded by me as one of my most precious possessions. As I stand here there come to me many happy recollections of the friendship that has continued for nearly half a century. It was twenty-five years ago when I left America to take charge of the laboratories.

There is one thought that is dominant in my mind, however, and that is an expression of gratitude to Mr. Wellcome. I am grateful for his encouragement and inspiration, but above all for having possessed for so many years so kind and true a friend.

MEDALLION OF THE WISCONSIN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

A MEDALLION with which the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters commemorates its recent semi-centennial has been completed by Leonard Crunelle, Chicago sculptor, and is described in an article written by President E. A. Birge, of the university, for the forthcoming *Transactions of the Academy*.

The medallion bears the portraits of six distinguished members of the academy. Its obverse bears the figure of Minerva tending the lamp of learning and a motto from Lucretius, "Naturæ species ratioque." The reverse carries the inscription, "The Wisconsin Academy of Science, Arts and Letters, 1870-1920," and the portraits of the following six members:

William Francis Allen, historian, professor of Latin and history at the university, 1867-1889, a great teacher and scholar; president of the academy from 1887 to 1889.

Thomas Chrowder Chamberlin, geologist, professor at Beloit College 1873-1882, director of the Wisconsin Geological Survey, 1876-1882, in charge glacial division of U. S. Survey, 1882-1887, president of the University of Wisconsin 1887-1892, head of the department of geology in University of Chicago, 1892-1919, now professor emeritus, Chicago; president of the academy, 1884-1887.

Philo Romaine Hoy, physician, naturalist, prac-

tising in Racine from 1846 to his death, ardent student of bird life and the biology of Lake Michigan; president of the academy, 1875-1878.

Roland Duer Irving, geologist, professor in the university from 1870 until his death in 1888, important member of the Wisconsin and U. S. Geological surveys and a leading authority on the geology of the Lake Superior region, 1873-1888; president of the academy, 1881-1884.

Increase Allen Lapham, naturalist and geologist, resident of Milwaukee 1836-1875; collector and cataloguer of plants and fossils; state geologist, 1873-1875; charter member of the academy and its secretary from its organization until his death in 1875.

George Williams Peckham, zoologist, teacher, high school principal and superintendent of schools in Milwaukee, 1873-1896, head of Milwaukee public library, 1896-1914; authority on habits and classification of insects; president of the academy, 1890-1893.

The medallion was made possible by a fund of \$1,200 for designing it and making the dies. This was donated by the following friends: A. J. Horlick, Racine; F. A. Logan, Chicago; F. P. Hixson, La Crosse; Mrs. C. W. Norris, Milwaukee; and E. A. Birge, T. E. Brittingham, C. K. Leith, M. S. Slaughter, and C. S. Slichter, all of Madison. Other friends have contributed to a fund by which copies of the medallion will be distributed.

The six members were chosen partly for their intellectual eminence for their services to the academy, and in part for the periods in which their lives and activities fall. Three of them, Chamberlin, Hoy, and Lapham, were charter members. Each of the six served as president, except Lapham, who was secretary from its beginning until his death in 1875.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

ON Mme. Curie's return from the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone Park, the Wolcott Gibbs medal was conferred on her by the Chicago Section of the American Chemical Society, and she was entertained by the University of Chicago and by the associated women's organizations. After a visit to Niagara Falls she proceeded to Boston, where among other functions a dinner was given in her